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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Request of Duke Energy Progress, LLC to Add New Energy Efficiency Program

to Portfolio (Small Business Energy Saver)

Docket No. 2015-163-E

Dear Ms. Boyd,

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed the filing submitted by Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or the "Company") requesting the Commission's approval for modifications to its Small Business Energy Saver Program ("SBES Program").

Overview of Company's Request

The Company is seeking approval from the Commission to expand the SBES Program. This expansion includes a SmartPathTM option to extend the program availability to all existing non-residential customer accounts, including those exceeding the current average annual demand limitation of 180 kilowatts. The Company believes the expansion of the SBES Program will increase program participation and cost-effectiveness.

The Company also proposes to rename the "Small Business Energy Saver" program to the "Business Energy Saver" program.

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ORS Recommendation

ORS does not object to the Company's requested modifications to expand and rename the SBES Program.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

s/ Jeffrey M. Nelson

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cc: All Parties of Record (via E-mail) David Butler, Esquire (via E-mail)